GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

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GAUGE CONVERSION BETWEEN TEZPUR AND RANGIYA
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether North Assam Chamber of Commerce & Industry has demanded for gauge conversion between Tezpur and Rangiya through a recent memorandum submitted to the Government ;

(b) if so, the details thereof ;

(c) the estimated cost of the project and the extent to which the cost has been escalated since the project was initiated; and

(d) the steps taken by the Railways for implementation of the said project?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA)

(a) & (b): A memorandum dated 09-04-2001 from North Assam Chamber of Commerce & Industry, Tezpur was received requesting for taking up gauge conversion of Rangiya-Bhalukpong/Tezpur.

(c): The surveys for the sections were done in two parts:-

(i) Gauge conversion from Rangiya to Bhalukpong in 1998-99 and the cost was assessed as Rs.300.78 crore.

(ii) Gauge conversion of Balipara-Murkongselek and Rangapara North to Tezpur in 2000-01 and the cost was assessed as Rs.570.59 crore.

The surveys have recently been updated as one project and the updated cost works out to Rs.1036.51 crore.

(d): The proposal of gauge conversion of Rangiya-Murkongselek, Rangapara North-Tezpur and Balipara-Bhalukpong has been processed for necessary approvals. The work would be taken up as and when the requisite clearances are received and the project is included in the Budget.